



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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*For* *Amendment*

Applicant(s): Philippe G. Castel )

**PRELIMINARY  
AMENDMENT**

Serial No.: 10/052,240 )

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Art Unit: 3613 )

For: Braking Force Amplifier With Dual Amplification )  
Ratios For Motor Vehicles )

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Applicant requests the Commissioner accept the following Preliminary Amendment  
in the above-identified application.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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Please cancel claims 1-14, without prejudice. Please add claims 15-28 as follows.

CLAIMS

- Rule 1.126*
1. *15* 15. Braking force amplifier with dual amplification ratios comprising:  
a piston operated by a pressure differential between a front chamber and a  
back chamber;  
a plunger mounted to be axially displaceable in said piston between positions  
controlling the evolution of said pressure differential by switching means ,  
said plunger operably attached to a brake pedal;  
a thrust assembly comprising a reaction rod operably connected to a master-cylinder  
of corresponding brakes and mounted to be axially displaceable under control of the plunger